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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD): WEOG AND  
BARTON GROUP CONSULTATIONS

1. AT MARCH 16 MEETING OF WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS  
GROUP (WEOG), THERE WAS AN EXTENSIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS  
ON ISSUES EXPECTED TO COME UP AT THE FIRST SESSION OF  
THE SSOD PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ON MARCH 28 - APRIL 1.

2. CHAIRMAN KAUFMAN (NETHERLANDS) TOLD THE WEOG THAT  
ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR ORTIZ DE ROZAS HAD APPROACHED HIM  
ON BEHALF OF THE NON-ALIGNED MEMBERS OF THE PREPCOM TO  
OUTLINE THEIR VIEWS AND TO SEEK THE WEOG RESPONSE. THE  
NON-ALIGNED POSITIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) THE PREPCOM BUREAU SHOULD HAVE 5 MEMBERS.

(B) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RULES OF PROCEDURE SHOULD BE  
THE BASIS FOR DECISION-MAKING. WHILE THE NON-ALIGNED WILL  
DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ATTAIN CONSENSUS, THEY WILL NOT  
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RULE OUT VOTING IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

(C) THE QUESTION OF WORKING GROUPS SHOULD BE LEFT  
OPEN FOR NOW.

(D) REPRESENTATION AT THE SPECIAL SESSION ITSELF SHOULD  
BE AT "HIGH OR EVEN HIGHEST" POLITICAL LEVEL.

3. WEOG MEMBERS INSTRUCTED AMBASSADOR KAUFMAN TO REPLY TO ORTIZ ON THESE SUBJECTS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) IT ALSO SUPPORTS A 5-MAN BUREAU.

(B) ON DECISION-MAKING, EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS; SINCE IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT GENERAL ASSEMBLY RULES OF PROCEDURE APPLY, IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO MAKE THE VOTING OPTION EXPLICIT; THE WEOG IS PREPARED TO LOOK AT ANY LANGUAGE FOR A DECISION-MAKING FORMULA WHICH THE NON-ALIGNED MAY PRESENT TO THE FIRST PREPCOM.

(C) WEOG AGREES THAT THE QUESTION OF WORKING GROUPS SHOULD BE LEFT OPEN, AND

(D) IT IS PREMATURE TO CONSIDER THE LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION ISSUE AT THE SESSION ITSELF.

4. KAUFMAN ALSO INFORMED WEOG THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH ORTIZ THE QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION OF NON-MEMBERS OF THE PREPCOM, EMPHASIZING THE DESIRABILITY OF GIVING OPPORTUNITY TO ALL UN MEMBERS TO TAKE PART IN ITS DELIBERATIONS. ORTIZ INDICATED HIS AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE BUT RECOMMENDED AGAINST TRYING TO FORMALIZE PROCEDURES GOVERNING INVOLVEMENT OF NON-MEMBERS AT PREPCOM SESSIONS. THE WEOG AGREED WITH THIS RECOMMENDATION.

5. THE FULL BARTON GROUP (EC-9, US, CANADA, NORWAY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, JAPAN AND TURKEY) DISCUSSED THE SAME ISSUES ON MARCH 16 PM AND BASICALLY AGREED WITH POSITIONS REACHED BY WEOG EARLIER. THE BARTON GROUP DECIDED TO MEET AGAIN MARCH 23 AM TO DISCUSS (A) REACTIONS TO THE YUGOSLAV PAPER, (B) VIEWS ON THE POSSIBLE ROLE OF NGO'S, AND (C) THE ROLE OF THE SECRETARIAT IN PREPARING FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION.  
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